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For: "CONFORMAL RETRO-MODULATOR)
 OPTICAL DEVICES") Date: November 11, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is filed as a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application being filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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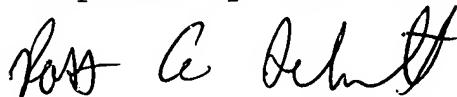
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to and claims the benefits of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/420,177, filed October 21, 2002, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by this reference. The subject matter of the present application may also be related to the following U.S. Patent Application: “Optical Retro-Reflective Apparatus” serial No. 10/661,028, filed September 11, 2003.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to identify an additional U.S. Patent application to which the subject matter of the present application may be related. This application is being brought to the attention of the Examiner, pursuant to MPEP § 2004, paragraph 9. However, the citation of this application should not be construed as an admission that the disclosures of this application is related to the patentability of the present application. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced by this preliminary amendment, and, therefore, the amendment may be properly entered.

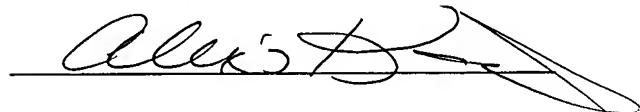
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

It should be noted that the above-identified application is related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/661,028, filed September 11, 2003. In addition, the present application has claims that may be considered to be similar to the claims in the applications listed above. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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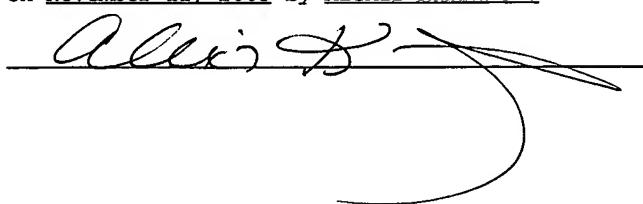
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a first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. Therefore, no official fees should be due; and this IDS should be considered on the merits. If this IDS is being submitted after the issuance of the first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, please contact the undersigned to authorize a payment of \$180.00 (or any other required amount), which is the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), if the Examiner believes that such a fee is due in order for this IDS to be considered on the merits.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE or 102(e) DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,172,262	12/1992	Hornbeck	359	223	
	5,808,797	9/1998	Bloom et al.	359	572	
	6,154,299	11/2000	Gilbreath et al.	359	170	
	6,455,931 B1	9/2002	Hamilton, Jr. et al.	257	723	
	10/661,028		Pepper et al.			9/11/2003

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Biermann, M.L., et al., "Design and Analysis of a Diffraction-Limited Cat's-Eye Retroreflector," Opt. Eng., Vol. 41, No. 7, pp. 1655-1660 (July 2002).
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EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.